

FOR COLUMBIA BAR

Senator Fulton Secures Another Increase.

MONEY [TO] EXTEND JETTY

The Appropriation Bill as it Passed the House Appropriated \$400,000, But Senator Fulton Secured an Increase for the Jetty.

The river and harbor bill, which passed congress and has been approved by the president, carries a sufficient appropriation to commence and continue work, both on the Columbia between Astoria and Portland and also the Columbia river bar. The house cut down the appropriation for the bar to \$400,000 on account of the strong opposition of Congressman Burton, chairman of the committee, but when the bill went to the senate, Senator Fulton succeeded in having it increased to \$700,000. Although this is not sufficient to complete the work, it will be enough to continue the work until congress meets again, when there will probably not be as much opposition.

The improvement of the mouth of the Columbia river consists at present in the construction of a jetty, known as the south jetty, which, when completed, will extend seven miles seaward. There are now about five and one half miles practically completed. The project for this improvement contemplates the securing of a 40-foot channel with at least a width of one-half mile over the bar. The intended work of the government to provide this is summarized in the annual report of the chief of engineers for 1903. In speaking of the project, this report says:

"To produce a bar depth of 40 feet and a channel of suitable width, not less than one-half mile, and to maintain it permanently will, in the opinion of the board, require a nearly complete control of the ebb flow across the bar. The beneficial results following from such control are seen at the present gorge, just within the end of the existing jetty, where great depths are found, and a depth of 40 feet is projected seaward one and one half miles beyond the end of the controlling work. With the extension of the south jetty the north bank of the channel will undoubtedly grow seaward and increase in height. Should the growth of this bank in length and elevation be sufficient to give the necessary control of the ebb flow, no work in addition to the south jetty will be required. The board is, however, not satisfied that this will be the case. It therefore recommends the construction of a north jetty at such time as its necessity becomes apparent, and in case the south jetty alone fails to produce or maintain a permanent 40-foot channel."

The plan of improvement at this time, therefore, covers the full construction of the south jetty, but should that fail to give the desired results the north jetty will be undertaken. With the comparatively small appropriation for this year it will be impossible to complete the south jetty this season, but sufficient should be accomplished to insure its completion next year. The first work this spring will be the repairing of the tramway and superstructure destroyed by the storms of this winter, following which extension work will be taken up.

OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

Epitome of Anecdotes and Incidents With Comments by a Layman.

"When the Roses Bloom Again," then will Police Commissioner Cook of Portland resign. Some political scheme appear awkward on their face.

The plumbing inspector having been authorized to tear down all the old shacks in Astoria, this will afford him an opportunity of securing him his winter's supply of wood.

The weather bureau has got the weather conditions down to a science and they can tell tomorrow what the weather will be today. Weather bureau are a great invention—and all it costs is a dollar a bottle.

The lima bean crop has been corned again in California. What the long-suffering border desires is to see some one corner the prune crop.

The Frankfurter Journal established several hundred years ago, has suspended publication. But that's all right, the Frankfurter sausage continues to circulate.

"Tenderly she laid the silent, white form beside those that had gone before. She made no outcry, she did not weep. Such a moment was too precious to be spent in tears. But soon there

came a time when it seemed as if nature must give away. She lifted her voice and cried loud and long. Her cry was taken up by others who were near and it echoed and re-echoed over the grounds. Then suddenly all was still. What was the use of it all? She would lay another egg tomorrow."

"The Devil as a Gentleman," is the title of a new book. Well, after all, it's just as we look at him, brethren.

The information is going the rounds that "cheerfulness is a sure cure for dyspepsia." We suspect that it was originated by the very same people who discovered that hair is a sure cure for baldness.

GOLD ON THE ELOKOMEN.

Black Sand Containing Gold Exists in the River.

Cathlamet, Wash., March 7.—(Special.)—In conversation with Ralph Elliott, an old pioneer of the Elokomon valley, regarding the mineral resources of this locality, he stated to the writer that many years ago while transacting business in the United States land office at Vancouver, he was shown some fine specimens of gold-bearing quartz by James O'Keane, at that time receiver of the land office and still a resident of Vancouver, which he stated was brought there by the Indians from Cathlamet. Mr. O'Keane was anxious to come to Cathlamet and go out on a prospecting trip with an old friend named McCall, but found upon inquiry that he was dead, and the trip was indefinitely postponed. In recent years some unsystematic prospecting has been done on the Elokomon creek, and while gold bearing rock has been found, it is evident that the rich quartz taken to Vancouver by the Indians is yet to be discovered. Those who have made researches for gold in the creek state that considerable quantities of black sand can be found in the bed of the stream, and other indications which would go to show that a rich strike may yet be made somewhere on the Elokomon creek.

GARFIELD REPORT

Kansas Intimates Garfield Was Paid.

REPORT OF THE BEEF TRUST

Report of Commissioner Garfield on Profits of Beef Trust Do Not Jibe and the Legislature Demands His Removal.

Topeka, Kan., March 7.—The Kansas senate has adopted a resolution denouncing the report of Commissioner Garfield in the beef investigation and requesting the president of the United States to reject this report and appoint some man with experience, independence and nerve that shall qualify for the task of investigating this gang of commercial highwaymen, known as the beef trust, to the end that the public may be fully informed as to the sources of their enormous profits and the foundations of their colossal fortunes, and the means, instruments and agreements by which for a generation they have robbed both the producer and the consumer, to the end that legislation protecting both may be intelligently devised, and that the light of publicity, that light that is destructive of all trusts and combinations, may be thrown upon the operations of this vicious and iniquitous conspiracy."

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